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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Scott Wiltamuth, Anders Hejlsberg, Peter H. Golde, Peter F. Sollich** Confirmation No.: **5765**

Application No.: **09/900,123**Group Art Unit: **2191**Filing Date: **July 5, 2001**Examiner: **Ted T. Vo**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING AN EXPLICIT INTERFACE MEMBER IN A COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.131

We, Scott Wiltamuth, Anders Hejlsberg, Peter H. Golde, Peter F. Sollich, hereby declare the following:

1. I am one of the named inventors of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/900,123 (hereinafter "the '123 application"), which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2001.
2. As an inventor, I am familiar with the '123 application and the publication cited by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the outstanding Official Action, entitled "ECMA Standard - Draft C# Language Specification" provided by Ecma. (hereinafter referred to as "Ecma").

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3. In particular, I understand that claims 1-3, 6-15, 17-19, 23-26, 28-37, 39-41, 58-63, 66-75 of the '123 application were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Ecma.
4. I am aware that Ecma is dated March 2001. However, Ecma's actual publication date is not known.
5. The '123 Application was filed less than a year after the Ecma publication. Moreover, the "Explicit Interface Member Implementations" feature described in Ecma is a description of the invention conceived by the other inventors and me and is based on our work.
6. I have been asked to provide evidence that claimed inventions were conceived at least as early as March 2001. The attached document is a redacted version of a Microsoft Patent Pre-disclosure Document on which the 09/900,123 patent application was based. The Pre-Disclosure document was prepared and dated prior to the publication of Ecma.
7. In accordance with CFR § 1.131, as inventor of the subject matter of the pending claims, and without conceding the propriety of the rejections of the pending claims, I hereby declare that the other inventors and I invented the subject matter of the pending claims at least as early as March, 2001. I further hereby declare that I have worked diligently from at least as early as March, 2001 to the date of constructive reduction to practice at least as early as July 5, 2001, the filing date of the '123 application, in order to prepare the '123 application and patent the invention.
8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or by imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the

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United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereupon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

  
Scott Wiltamuth

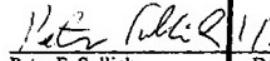
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